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AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2003, rejecting claims 1-22, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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	No. Claims After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Extra Present		Rate	Additional Fee
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